

## **Abstract**

The thesis *From the military to civilian life: the vocational identity of former soldiers of the ACR* presents a qualitative research focused on the issue of transition from the military to the civilian environment. Based on research interviews with 28 informants from the ranks of former soldiers of the Czech Armed Forces, the author explains how the degree of identification with the army among former soldiers is related to the process of forming a new civilian identity and how the circumstances of their transition shape the formation of professional identities. The thesis also identifies the problems and concerns that departing soldiers face in the process of transitioning from the military to the civilian environment, and where the whole issue of transition between the two environments stems from. Within the research, space is also devoted to the related issue of preparing soldiers for the transition to the civilian environment. Based on the experiences of former soldiers, the process of preparing soldiers for employment in the civilian labour market and the approach of the military to this matter is explained. To make the research more objective, the author also answers the research questions concerning the strategies for supporting soldiers transitioning to the civilian environment and in general the approach of the army to the researched issue through official answers from representatives of the Czech Armed Forces and analysis of available documents. The thesis is based on theoretical grounding mainly in foreign sociological studies dealing with the issue of transition from the military to the civilian environment.